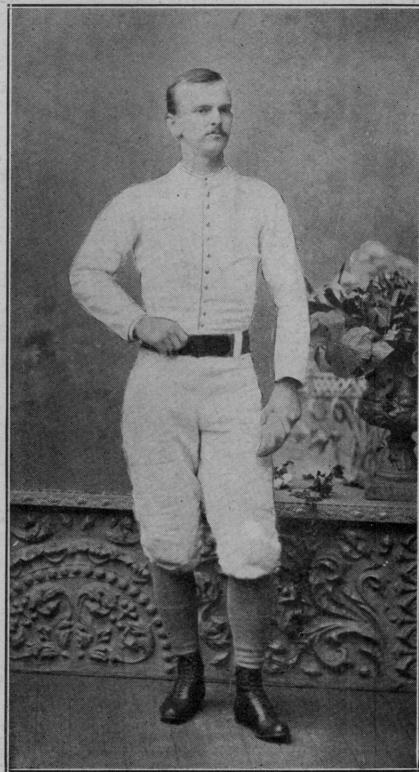


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The Men Who Designed The Auburn Football System



DEAN GEORGE PETRIE.

*Coach first football team
1892.*

Dean George Petrie organized the first football team at Auburn in the fall of 1891 and coached the team. He planted in the first football eleven the spirit of fair play and clean sportsmanship that has since characterized the athletic teams of this institution. As a member of the faculty he always takes an interest in athletics at Auburn and sees that the scholarship standing of a student keeps pace with his athletic prowess.



COACH M. J. DONAHUE

Auburn's greatest coach and present director.

Coach M. J. Donahue came to Auburn in 1904 and since his arrival Auburn has produced athletic teams that deserve and get the respect of sport enthusiasts everywhere because of the skill shown and the spirit in which it is displayed. Donahue has built up a system that is the equal of any in the country and his work here has attracted the attention of Grantland Rice, Walter Camp and other eastern critics of note.

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Mr. Raymond Robins has just closed the most effective series of religious meetings ever held in Auburn. He came an unheralded stranger and went away three days later with the hearty good wishes of both faculty and students. Langdon Hall was filled to the doors twice a day with students and faculty and all were stirred by his call to red-blooded men. Nearly half of the 850 students declared themselves definitely for the Christian life.

There is something heroic in the figure and the story of the man that lays hold on one. After a childhood on the farm, a young manhood in the mines, and the struggle of self education, he came to be a successful attorney in California. Then the call of the Alaskan frontier and the Klondyke took him north to find his fortune in the snows and glaciers and he found it. He found something else too, besides the gold—a new revelation of the meaning of Christ's mission in the world. So when he came back to civilization, independent of all economic stress forever, he gave his life to work and live among the immigrant poor of Chicago. There he had rounded out his fifteenth year making friends among our foreigners, fighting their battles for pure food, fresh air, fair wages, and wholesome environment. The daring and adventure of gold grubbing in ice covered Alaska has found itself re-enacted in Chicago. It was partly this that cast a spell with every sentence he uttered. His message was straightforward, di-

rect, concrete. He outlined two new conditions in modern society and industry which called for new adjustments. The home life in industrial communities is breaking down and the old personal relationship between factory owner and his workmen has been superseded by the corporation management and absentee landlordism. These new conditions, never before extant in society, have mothered sundry evils that can be wiped out only by the elimination of selfishness and graft from political life, by the substitution of human relations in industry in place of unresponsive corporate control, and by the awakening of society to its responsibility for the children of the race. In other words the spirit of love, the heart of the Christian doctrine, must be realized in all the relations of life, in social, political, industrial, and even in international relations. So real was his presentation of these facts and our responsibility for the growing good of society that it was like a message from the battlefield, the voice of one whose enthusiasm was kindled in the forefront of the fight for good. Neither the man nor his words smacked of the spectacular or the ecstatic. The point of view was of society, of mankind rather than the individual. All he said seemed the fervent product of a fearless, unbiased judgment and of a warm, chastened love for folks. His was not so much an appeal to save one's self as to conserve all forces for the bitter fight for justice and humanity; it was less a call to saintly purity than to the busy life of doing good. It was an idealism working itself out in the real; it was comprehensive and adventurous and gave one a mighty vision of manly service.

But the man himself loomed above his message and gave it magic power. He was an actor in the moving drama of human uplift that he pictured in his inimitably unassuming manner and no mere historian. He brought us facts as they are from the turmoil of actual life, facts that transpired under his own observation and roused him to action. These facts he had studied in such a comprehensive way that his solution of local problems embraced national and future considerations. His great faith saw the dangers of the present and the future and still saw victory hanging over the banners of those who fought for the growing good of the world. His was the victorious will that dared find new cures for evil rather than evade the issues, to stand alone with justice between tyrannical capital and raving labor or voracious greed and the victim. His ideals showed none of the emaciation of the study; his religion was not of the closet variety; it was virile and dealt with acts and folks and made him a

conqueror. He chose to be saved in the midst of the world rather than out of the world. In his humor he called himself a "runt" and an own brother to the poverty pinched, claiming to be nothing exceptional. Yet one could not help feeling that he was exceptional in that he found romance, adventure, life abundant in the "little nameless acts of kindness and love." To seek the spirit that gave him such vision, such power was the aim of all that heard him.

THE MEETING OF THE S. I. A. A.

An event that attracted the attention of many college men throughout the south was the meeting of the members of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association which was held in New Orleans, Dec. 10-11. For some time past the S. I. A. A. had experienced rough sailing and it had been freely predicted that the year would see the end of the organization. The University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn had all withdrawn from the Association because of the fact that the rules adopted at the previous session, were not made to apply equally to all colleges.

Georgia Tech had been on the outside of the Association for two seasons and Georgia and Auburn withdrew because of the situation arising as a result of the "A" and "B" division of the colleges of the Association on the question of a one year residence rule for football candidates. When this question came up at the annual meeting the Association, by a small majority, voted to abolish the one year rule. This was the first step in the restoration of harmony for although Auburn and Georgia are among the leading supporters of this regulation they felt that they could re-enter the Association and while playing under uniform rules work for the adoption of the principle by at least the larger colleges of the Association. Prof. Randle representing Georgia Tech asked to be readmitted and applications of membership from Georgia, Tech and Auburn, were unanimously passed.

The other question of major importance was whether college athletes should be permitted to play "summer baseball" outside of their home county. There was a general split on this proposition and extreme and radical measures were offered. One faction favored allowing college athletes to play baseball anywhere for money while the other faction contended strongly for the present rule, and extremists on each side favored abolishing Intercollegiate baseball rather than giving in to the opposing faction. Just as the split was becoming widest,

Pres. Riggs called on Coach Mike Donahue of Auburn for a statement on the question. Coach Donahue made it clear at once, that while the Association could very easily abolish inter-collegiate baseball, they would have made no step in the settlement of the "summer baseball" problem for the question had been raised principally because of the playing of "summer baseball" by the football men of the various institutions. Coach Donahue offered a substitute bill in which a college man, after a one year attendance with satisfactory academic standing, would be allowed to play baseball for expenses anywhere outside an organized league. This resolution was satisfactory to both factions and was unanimously adopted.

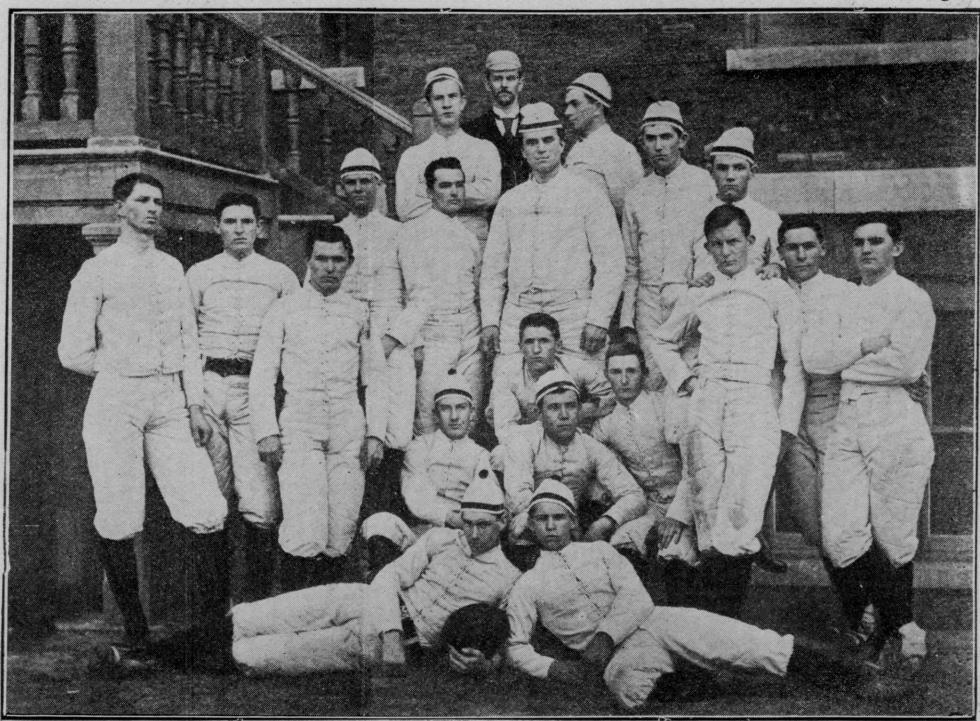
With the settlement of these two problems the Association proceeded with routine business. Pres. Riggs, who had proven such a great executive in the establishment of harmony in the ranks of the Association, and who was generally recognized as a worthy successor of the lamented Dr. Dudley, of Vanderbilt, was unanimously elected president for another term. Dr. Riggs promptly refused the nomination, stating that in the restoration of a spirit of good feeling among the members he felt that he had accomplished the end toward which he had worked. The election of Dr. Walker of Mississippi A. & M. to succeed Pres. Riggs was then effected and one of the most important meetings of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association came to a close.

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

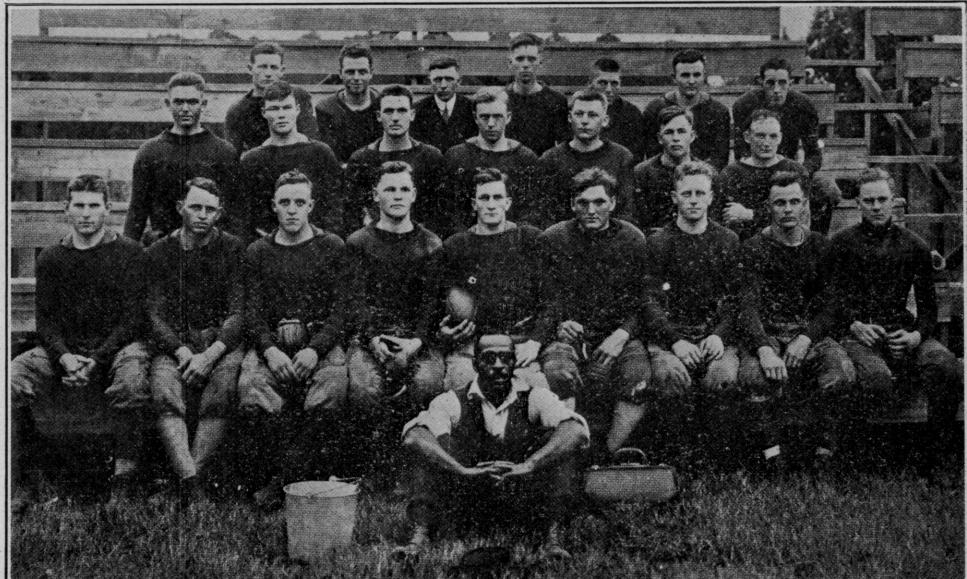
When the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association voted against the enforcement of a one year residence rule for football players it paved the way for an organization that would support such a measure. An organization known as the Southern Conference was formed with a number of the larger colleges of the south as members and Prof. Thomas Bragg, of Auburn as temporary president. The Southern Conference, of which more will be said in our January issue, is in no manner antagonistic to the S. I. A. A. but is an organization within that Association.

Kentucky State, University of Tennessee, University of South Carolina, Clemson College, University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Mississippi A. & M., and Auburn have entered the Conference and other Southern colleges of over five hundred students have been invited to enter and to have representatives at the meeting which will convene in Knoxville, Tenn., January 28-29.

AUBURN'S FOOTBALL ELEVENS—THE FIRST AND THE LAST.



THE TEAM OF 1892—COACH ED BY GEORGE PETRIE.



THE TEAM OF 1915—COACHED BY M. J. DONAHUE.

Reading from left, top row: Thigpen, guard; Robinson, center; Howle, manager; Saunders, halfback; Caughman, quarterback; Scott, halfback; Rickenbacher, fullback; Middle row: Steed, end; DuCote, fullback; Davis, guard; Bonner, end; Fricke, guard; Samford, end; Adkins, halfback; Bottom row: Hairston, halfback; Wynne, tackle; Campbell, center; Goočvin, tackle; Capt. Bidez, fullback; Taylor, guard; Jones, end; Prendergast, halfback; and Sample, tackle. Front: "Bob" Sponser, "Doctor."

FOOTBALL AT AUBURN

The Early History---Heroes of the Past---Some Recent Records

Dr. George Petrie, Dean of the Academic Faculty of Auburn, has often been referred to as the "daddy" of football at Auburn and he deserves much honor for his part in founding and fostering inter-collegiate football at this institution. The first football team was organized in the fall of 1891 with Dr. Petrie as coach. The only game played was staged in Atlanta, Ga., February 22nd, 1892, with the University of Georgia as the opposing eleven, Auburn winning the game 10 to 0.

Not until 1900 did Auburn turn out a team that went through an entire season without suffering a defeat though the teams of 1895, 1896, and 1899 were very successful and only had one defeat charged to each of them. The team of 1895 lost to Vanderbilt 9 to 6 in a game played in a sea of rain and mud. The team of 1896 lost to the University of Georgia 12 to 6 in a game which made the winner the Champion of the South. The team of 1899 won all of its games except the one played against Sewanee in Montgomery Thanksgiving Day which was lost 11 to 10. This was considered a remarkable game as it was the only time Sewanee was scored upon that season.

The team of 1900 was therefore the first of the line of undefeated teams turned out at this institution. Only once during the entire season was the team scored upon; Alabama scoring once in game which Auburn won 53 to 5. The team was captained by Dan Martin, now President of the McClary Jemison Machinery Co., of Birmingham, Ala., and defeated University of Nashville 28 to 0; University of Tennessee 23 to 0; University of Alabama 53 to 5; and University of Georgia 44 to 0.

From 1900 until 1904 the teams turned out by Auburn failed to reach a very high standard. Coaches were changed frequently and little system was used. However with the arrival of Michael J. Donahue in 1904 a better day dawned at Auburn. The team of 1904 was a championship aggregation, but 1905, 1906 and 1907 were "off years. However in 1908 Auburn once again came to the front and since that date she has never finished below third place.

The teams of 1904, 1908, 1910, 1913, and 1914 were Championship aggregations, the elevens of 1908, 1910, and 1914 not being scored upon and the others

being scored upon but twice. The team of 1904 was captained by Randolph Reynolds and its greatest feat was the victory over Clemson which was accomplished through a double pass play. The team of 1908 was captained by Tom McLure and most of its attack consisted of forward passes and onside kicks the team being especially effective in the operation of the onside kick formations.

The 1910 team captained by John Davis was a powerful team noted chiefly for the hard driving of Bradley Streit and John Davis. The 1913 team captained by Kirk Newell was an all round team that went through a difficult schedule with a string of decisive victories. Vanderbilt and Georgia scored on this team through the use of the forward pass. The team of 1914 was another team that was not scored upon although the schedule included such opposition as Vanderbilt, Georgia Tech and Carlisle, the principal victories being the 6 to 0 victory over Vanderbilt and the 7 to 0 victory over Carlisle. The 1909 and the 1912 teams although not championship elevens are entitled to considerable fame—the 1909 team through holding the Championship Sewanee eleven to a 12 to 11 score and the 1912 team because of its 7-7 tie game with the Vanderbilt eleven which was declared Champions when Auburn lost to Georgia 12 to 6 the Thursday following.

HEROES OF THE PAST.

Of the long list of heroes of the early history of the sport at Auburn there are several names that stand out more prominent than the others because of some famous feat which they performed. We shall therefore limit our notes to four men who became noted for individual feats rather than attempt to eulogize all the men who were heroes of the past and who helped form the football "heritage of fame" which stands as a mark for the football player of today to strive to attain.

R. T. DORSEY—known in his college days as "Dutch"—was a member of the first Auburn team and Captain of the team of 1893. He scored the first touchdown scored by Auburn in the game against the University of Georgia after a forty yard run. In the first game against Alabama he intercepted a pass from the Alabama quarter and ran 105 yards for a touchdown. With the ex-

ception of the Trinity game in 1892, when he was forced to leave the game early on account of an injury, he did not fail to run at least forty yards for a touchdown in any game he played. He is now a practicing physician in Atlanta, Ga.

W. M. WILLIAMS—known to the Auburn legion as "Billie"—was another great halfback, playing on the teams of 1891, 1895, and 1896. He was good at skirting the end but especially strong in going just inside or outside of tackle and was as strong on the defense as on the offense. His greatest piece of work was probably done in the Georgia game in 1896 when going straight ahead from his position at left half on six successive bucks he carried the ball from the forty yard line across the goal line for a touchdown. Williams is now a prominent attorney of Montgomery, Ala.

W. R. TICHENOR—"Tick" Tichenor to the Auburn students and alumni—was the star quarterback on the teams of 1895 1896 and 1897. He was absolutely sure at handling punts of all kinds and was famous as a field general. He became famous as the first man to work the "hidden ball" trick, as Tichenor had the ball slipped under his jersey and after the fake play had drawn the opponents aside he ran the distance to goal against Vanderbilt. "Pop" Warner who was coaching the University of Georgia saw Auburn work this stunt and when he afterward coached Carlisle he introduced the play there and defeated Harvard, receiving a great deal of recognition for the originality of the play whereas it was discovered at Auburn almost by accident. Tichenor is now an attorney at law in Atlanta, and has from time to time returned to Auburn to assist in coaching.

G. N. MITCHAM—known in college days as "Mitch"—was one of the gamest warriors that ever wore the Orange and Blue. Mitcham was captain of the team of 1898 and was declared by Coach Heisman, of Georgia Tech who was then coach at Auburn to be the "whole cheese" of that eleven. His greatest feat was performed in the game against the University of Georgia when in the last period with Georgia leading 17 to 0 Mitcham came back to the fullback position from the line and bucked the ball across the Georgia goal line on three occasions kicking all three goals and winning the game 18 to 17. He is now Professor of Civil Engineering, Auburn, Ala.

HEROES OF THE SECOND GROUP.

The period of 1904-1914 developed some stars worthy of a place in the immortal ranks of all-time Auburn stars and we present below a few names that stand out most prominent:

HUMPHREY FOY—halfback, score 1 from kick off against University of Nashville 1904. Now a banker in Eufaula, Ala.

RANDOLPH REYNOLDS—half back, defensive back and field general. Now an engineer in Chicago.

FRANK JONES—tackle; strong on defense and hiking game. Now in lumber business in Augusta, Ga.

TOM M'CLURE—a driving quarter back and strong defensive player. Now with engineering department DuPont Powder Co., City Point, Va.

LEWIS HARDAGE—half back, ran from kick off against Georgia Tech in 1908. Now in insurance business.

EUGENE CATON—center, accurate passer and strong defensive center. Now coaching at Howard College, Birmingham, Ala.

HARRY ESSLINGER—tackle, heavy and shifty. Now engaged in agriculture.

HOMER COGDELL—end and tackle; heavy and hard tackler. Now practices veterinary medicine.

KIRK NEWELL—half back; light but fast and shifty, captain 1913. Now teaching and coaching at Blountsville.

"GUTS" MEADOWS—tackle; vicious and fierce tackler, one of the chief factors in Auburn's defense in Vanderbilt game of 1912. Now engaged in Veterinary medicine.

"BULL" KEARLY—end; one of Auburn's greatest ends especially good in Vandy, Carlisle and Tech games of 1914. Now practicing Veterinary medicine in Andalusia, Ala.

TED ARNOLD—quarter-back and field general of 1913 team; skillful at throwing forward passes. Intercepted pass and ran 90 yards against Tech 1911 winning the game.

J. E. PITTS—center; accurate passer and strong defensive man, one of Auburn's greatest centers. Now coaching at Tech High School, Atlanta, Ga.

J. THIGPEN—Probably Auburn's best guard, heavy and powerful. Now engaged in agriculture.

"TUBBY" LOCKWOOD—another of Auburn's great linemen at guard, fast and shifty in spite of his heavy weight. Now engaged in practice of architecture at Montgomery, Ala.

W. C. LOUISELL—tackle; especially valuable because of punting ability, steady in tight places. Assistant Coach at Auburn.

H. W. ROBINSON—end; strong defensive man, fierce and sure tackler, famous for his work throughout the season of 1913. Captain 1914. Now coaching at Pulaski, Tenn.

FOOTBALL SCORES SINCE 1908.

1908

Auburn	24	Mercer	0
	15	Howard	0
	6	Sewanee	0
	44	Georgia Tech	0
	23	University of Georgia	0

112

1909

Auburn	12	Howard	0
	23	Mercer	6
	0	Vanderbilt	17
	8	Georgia Tech	0
	56	Gordon	5

127

1910

Auburn	6	Miss. A. & M.	0
	77	Howard	0
	16	Georgia Tech	0
	34	Tulane	0
	17	Clemson	0

176

1911

Auburn	29	Mercer	0
	29	Clemson	0
	0	Texas A. & M.	16
	12	Georgia Tech	6

86

1912

Auburn	56	Mercer	0
	27	University of Florida	13
	27	Clemson	6
	7	Miss. A. & M.	0

164

1913

Auburn	53	Mercer	0
	55	University of Florida	0
	20	Clemson	0
	34	Miss. A. & M.	0

217

1914

Auburn	39	Marion	0
	60	Hamilton	0
	20	University of Florida	0
	28	Clemson	0

14

Georgia Tech

0

6	Vanderbilt	0
0	University of Georgia	0
7	Carlisle	0

193

1915

Auburn	76	Marion	0
	7	University of Florida	0
	28	Clemson	0
	26	Miss. A. & M.	0

194

24

Auburn	112	1908. Opponents	0
Auburn	177	1909 Opponents	46
Auburn	176	1910 Opponents	0
Auburn	86	1911 Opponents	45
Auburn	164	1912 Opponents	44

Auburn	217	1913 Opponents	13
Auburn	193	1914 Opponents	0
Auburn	194	1915 Opponents	24

1269

172

TOTAL GAMES '08-'15.

Won 47; Lost 7; Tied 3

TOTAL S. I. A. A. GAMES.

Won 43; Lost 5; Tied 3.

AUBURN FOOTBALL CAPTAINS.

Among Auburn's most prominent and successful alumni we find the names of her football Captains. Almost without exception the former Captains of Auburn's elevens have been extremely successful in business. The addresses of Whitner, '06, Allison, '02, and Shafer, '95 are unknown but all of the other former captains have not only been successful in business, but have kept in close touch with their Alma Mater and have contributed to the Gymnasium Fund and other enterprises of the alumni. Of the twenty-five men, eighteen are subscribers to the AUBURN ALUMNUS.

1892—Dr. Frank Lupton, Woodward Bldg Birmingham, Ala.

1893—T. C. Daniels.

1894—Prof. J. V. Brown, Dothan, Ala.

1895—W. R. Shafer.

1896—W. R. Tichenor, Candler Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

1897—W. B. Stokes, Auburn, Ala.

1898—G. N. Mitcham, Auburn, Ala.

1899—A. H. Feagin, Union Springs, Ala.

1900—Dan S. Martin, McClary-Jemison Co., Birmingham, Ala.

1901—Dr. H. B. Park, LaGrange, Ga.

1902—Allison.

1903—James Paterson, Rosemont Gardens, Montgomery, Ala.

1904—Randolph Reynolds, 320 West Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

1905—Phil Lacey, Bessemer, Ala.

1906—W. C. Whitner.

1907—Dan Wilkerson, Pensacola, Fla.
 1908—J. T. McLure, Hopewell, Va.
 1909—Walker Reynolds, Anniston, Ala.
 1910—John Davis, Philadelphia, Pa.
 1911—W. S. Bonner, Mobile, Ala.
 1912—Dr. J. P. Major, Anderson, S. C.
 1913—J. K. Newell, Blountsville, Ala.

1914—H. W. Robinson, Pulaski, Tenn.
 1915—P. R. Bidez, Auburn, Ala.
 1916—Captain-elect L. Hairston.
 *In 1892 Auburn had two teams; the first being organized in February 1892, and the second being organized in the fall of that year.

COLLEGE NEWS

1915 FOOTBALL BANQUET.

Amid beautiful decorations one hundred and fifty guests "cleared the decks" of one hundred and fifty plates spread in bounteous fashion and all the while toasted to the achievements of the 1915 team, and for the success of the team of 1916. Captain Bidez and every member of the 1915 team came in for praise and applause, and Captain-Elect Hairston and the team members for 1916 were showered with good wishes.

Despite the fact that Auburn was forced to take second place this season after occupying the top of the ladder for the two previous seasons there was no gloom apparent. There was no place for it in fact as everyone seemed convinced that the team of 1915 made one of the gamiest fights ever put up by an Auburn team. Starting out with eleven regulars of 1914 missing and being handicapped later by injuries to Ducote and Hairston and Caughman, the field generals, the team rounded out a season and landed second only to Vanderbilt and Tech.

Captain Donahue paid a tribute to the team of 1915, declaring that it was one of the best fighting, clean playing aggregations he had ever coached. He said that he was only sorry over the season's result for the team itself, for the team deserved the best. It was his opinion that had either the 1913 or the 1914 team suffered as vitally as did the 1915 team through the loss of two quarterbacks, they would have been fortunate to have finished as well as did the eleven this season.

There were many excellent responses, in fact they were all better than the usual run. Dr. Thach was good and on through the list each man did himself proud.

Captain Bidez's "Farewell address" was one of the best ever delivered by an Auburn Captain, and we are printing it in full in another column. We have also made room in this issue for Dr. W. E. Hinds's response to the "Auburn Sportsman."

Thomas Bragg, President of the Alumni Association, was at his best as toastmaster and he contributed a great deal toward making the twenty-fifth annual banquet one of the best ever held.

The toasts with the men called upon follow:

"AUBURN'S ATHLETICS THROUGH THE NOSEGLASSES OF A COLLEGE PRESIDENT"—Pres. C. C. Thach.

"AUBURN'S ATHLETIC TEAMS IN THE EYES OF A COSMOPOLITAN."—Shu Min Wong.

"REMINISCENCES."—Dr. B. B. ROSS.
 "THE 1915 WARRIORS."—Coach M. J. Donahue.

"THE TEAM."—Captain Bidez.

"THE MANAGEMENT."—Manager T. B. Howle.

"JUST SCRUBS."—W. C. Louisell, Assistant Coach.

"HERE'S TO AUBURN."—J. B. Lovelace.

"THE AUBURN SPORTSMAN."—Dr. W. E. Hinds.

"THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE."—D. D. Gibson.

"THE 1916 TEAM."—Captain-elect L. Hairston.

RETIRING CAPT BIDEZ SPEAKS AT BANQUET.

"Mr. Toast Master, Ladies and Gentlemen:

"I hardly know just what a retiring captain is supposed to say on such an occasion as this, or just what is appropriate for him to say. But as I look at the faces which surround this festive board and realize that this is the last time I will ever sit with you as a member of an Auburn team, there is a sadness which fills my heart, which even this delightful repast mingled with the merriest of wit cannot drive from me.

"Next year when the breath of Autumn touches the atmosphere and we all begin to think of the coming season and of Auburn's team, how I will long to be back down here with you. How I will want to be out there on Drake field with you boys working, fighting, to keep old Auburn on the top; where she has always been, and always will be.

"It makes me wish that I could turn back four years and begin over again. Perhaps I could fight harder for Auburn if I could do this. For in the time I have been here I have learned to love this dear old Auburn with such fervor that it has become almost a passion.

"How I envy you men who are to return. Every bit of the driving 'Mike' will give you up and down that field I envy.

For it is an honor, a privilege, a pleasure to be driven by such a man as Coach Donahue. I want to thank him for the patience with which he endured my ignorance and 'boneheadedness' throughout these past years.

"I want to thank every member of this team for the honor of allowing me to captain an Auburn eleven; and for the loyal manner in which they fought throughout the entire season.

"Last but not least I desire to thank the student body for the manner in which they supported the team throughout a season which might have been better had it not been for injuries and,—well other things.

"To the new captain I would say: 'Next year with the material that I believe you will have, when the last game has been played, the last ball kicked, the last rush made, that you will be the captain of the team that is declared the champions of the South, a true Auburn eleven.'

S. I. A. A. RANKING.

Coach J. W. Heisman, of the Georgia Tech eleven, in an article for the Atlanta Georgian makes a ranking of the teams of the S. I. A. A. which seems to us to be a fair and square analysis of the situation. There are a few who vote a cup to Vanderbilt because Tech was tied by Georgia and a few who vote the palm to Tech because Vanderbilt was beaten by Virginia. In all cases though Auburn was ranked next to these two leaders and so considering the number of men lost from the 1914 team, and the number of injuries received the high ranking secured by Auburn is favorable comment. Congratulations are extended Coach Donahue and the members who displayed remarkable fighting spirit against all odds.

The ranking of the leading elevens of this territory as presented by Heisman follows:

- 1—Vanderbilt and Tech.
- 2—Auburn.
- 3—Georgia.
- 4—Alabama.
- 5—North Carolina.
- 6—L. S. U.
- 7—Miss. A. & M.
- 8—Clemson.
- 9—Transylvania.
- 10—Sewanee.

EXCELLENT BAND.

The Auburn band of thirty-two pieces is one of the best of the number of good bands turned out under the direction of Prof. A. L. Thomas. Concerts at Selma where the band went at the invitation of the Southern veterans, and at Evergreen where the band was the feature of the County Fair, were well received and

congratulations were showered upon the band members. The playing of the band at the Vanderbilt and Tech games was a feature that received favorable comment from the press of the two cities.

THE AUBURN SPORTSMAN.

He is the man in every fight,
Who plays the game, with all his might,
And scorns to do a thing that's mean
Even when the act cannot be seen.

He is the man with "charley horse"
Or ankle sprained, or knee that's worse,
Who watches others take his place
And patience keeps, with pleasant face.

He is the man who, like our Steed
Plays any place where there is need
And foregoes chance for Southern fame
To help Old Auburn win the game.

He is like Wren who would not lie
But owned he touched that ball on high.
No disgrace lies in crossed goal
Compared to that of blackened soul.

He is the man who does not question
The sincere referee's close decision,
But like a sportsman defeat takes
For honest men may make mistakes.

He is the man in Birmingham
Who came back cheering from that game
Tho' Vandy go, the victor's score
Defeat couldn't make the loser sore.

He is the student in the rank
Who didn't make himself a "tank"
Or bring disgrace to Auburn's fame
By those things we will not name.

He is the scrub upon the green
Who knows he cannot "make the team"
But makes a better team because
Struggle gives strength, by nature's laws.

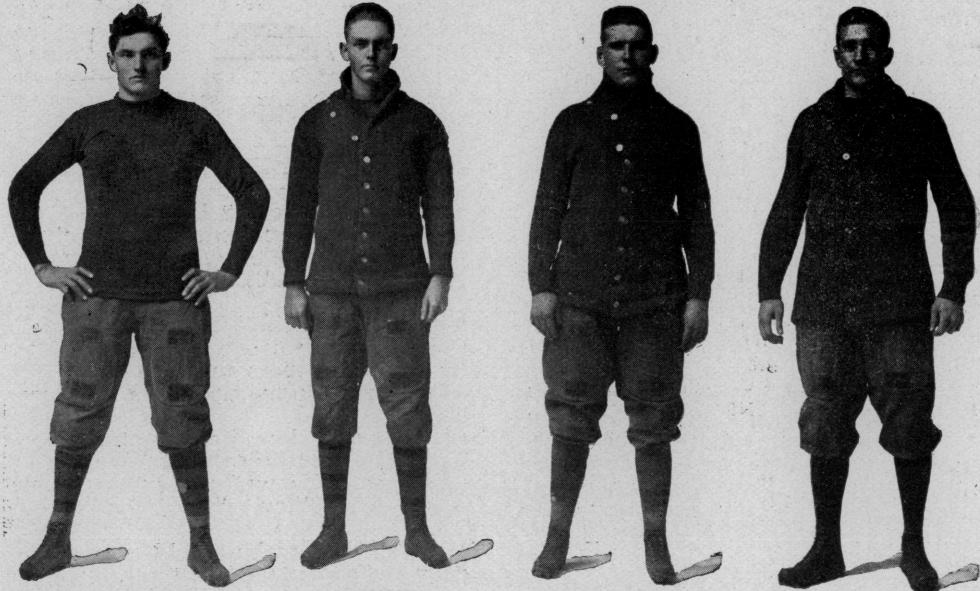
He stands for clean and manly teams
But not Vict'ry by all means,
He is the Coach of Orange and Blue
Whom people call "Mike Donahue."

He may be large, he may be small
He may be short, he may be tall,
It's not just size or strength or hue
That makes for us a Sportsman true

But any man who "has the stuff"
And never knows he's had enough
Clean strong and true where e'er he be
Will make a sportsman suiting me.

I think that many such are here
Who fill the bill, whom we should cheer,
While each shall strive to add a portion
To Auburn's fame for truest sportsmen.

—Dr. W. E. Hinds.



TAYLOR
All-Southern guard
1915

STEED
All-Southern guard
1915

HAIRSTON
Captain-elect
1916

BIDEZ
Captain
1915

Two Auburn men were honored by Coach Heisman, of the Georgia School of Technology, in his mythical all-Southern team which is generally considered as representative. Besides Steed who was placed at one guard as a running mate for Taylor who walked away with the other position, Coach Heisman complimented a number of Auburn players upon their game for the season and declared that Wynne was one of the best tackles for his weight that he had ever seen.

There was great variety in the all-Southern selections, but Taylor of Auburn, Cody of Vanderbilt, and Vandergraff of Alabama were included on practically all selections. Auburn men who were selected on various elevens include besides those mentioned above; Hairston, Prendergast, and Bidez. Taylor and Wynne were mentioned by Walter Camp of Yale, in his review of the football season for Collier's weekly, and Taylor was given a place on Camp's third all-American eleven.

Heisman's selection follows:

Position	Name	College
Left End—Homewood	North	Carolina
Left Tackle—Thrash	-----	Georgia
Left Guard—Taylor	-----	Auburn
Center—Tandy	-----	North Carolina
Right Guard—Steed	-----	Auburn
Right Tackle—Cody	-----	Vanderbilt
Right End—Senter	-----	Georgia Tech
Quarter—Morrison	-----	Georgia Tech
Left Half—Curry	-----	Vanderbilt
Right Half—Fielder	-----	Georgia Tech
Full Back—Vandergaaff	-----	Alabama

HAIRSTON ELECTED CAPTAIN FOR 1916.

Left Halfback "Lucy" Hairston was named Captain of the Auburn football team for 1916 at a meeting of the "A" men held just before the hour of the Annual Football Banquet. The election was practically unanimous though there were several deserving men in Taylor, Steed, Prendergast and Wynne and they were all supported.

Hairston has the making of one of the best halfbacks Auburn ever had and as leader of the 1916 team he should come up to his possibilities. This season he was injured in the Mississippi A. & M. game and was unable to participate in any of the remaining contests for any length of time. Despite this fact he was selected by one critic as an all-Southern man and no doubt had he been able to play the full season he would have easily won first honors at his position. With Hairston as a leader Auburn men are looking forward to a successful season next fall.

FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON OF 1915.

The season of 1915 was the most successful ever enjoyed by the Auburn Athletic Association in the matter of gross gate receipts. The attendance records were broken in both the Vanderbilt and Georgia Tech games and the receipts were the greatest ever. Figures com-

piled by Manager Howle show that the Marion, Florida, Clemson, and Mercer games were played at a loss, the total being \$574.26. Profits on the other games ranged from \$300.10 on the Mississippi A. & M. game to \$3,648.90 on the Vanderbilt game, the Tech game falling short of this amount by about \$70.00.

The total gross profits of the season were slightly over \$7,500 while the previous record season 1913 showed a gross profit of about \$7,250. There are a number of expenses such as Coaches' salary, athletic equipment, and supplies etc., which have to be paid out of this fund but the season should show a profit around \$4,000.00.

THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE GLEE CLUB GIVES ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

The Woman's College Glee Club rendered, in excellent manner, a program filled with well chosen numbers when they appeared before the Auburn student body on the afternoon of the fifth. The concert was well received by a most enthusiastic audience, the solo by Miss Howell being the feature number.

The program follows:

- I. Halleluja—Miss Van Gelder.
- II. Christmas (a story in song)—Glee Club.
- III. Wehrnachtslied—Miss Lottice Howell.
- IV. Chorus of Angels—Glee Club.
- V. Alma Mater Song—Glee Club.
- VI. Song of the Fairies—Glee Club.
- VII. Estuinitinia—Glee Club.
- VIII. College Days—Glee Club.

RECEPTION FOR THE GLEE CLUB.

The Auburn Glee Club was hosts at a reception tendered the Visiting Glee club immediately after the close of the concert. Besides the members of the Woman's College Glee Club there were a number of invited guests in the happy crowd that gathered in the reception rooms of the Carnegie Library.

A number of popular songs were rendered by an Auburn quartet composed of Messrs Hay, Johnson, Starkey and Ansley. Punch was served throughout the afternoon and music by the Mandolin Club helped make the afternoon the more enjoyable.

THE Y. M. C. A. CALENDARS.

The Auburn calanders for the new year issued under auspices of the Young Men's Christain Association are probably the most attractive ever gotten out here. The cover is of leather and the several pages are filled with new and attractive cuts presenting the college buildings, the fraternity homes, Pres. Thach, Manager Bragg, Coach Donahue, and the football team.



M. R. HUTCHISON, '97.

Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison, has been appointed a member of the Naval Advisory Board by Secretary Daniels. Dr. Hutchison, who is thirty-nine years of age, was graduated from the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1897. During the Spanish-American War he was appointed chief engineer of the seventh and eighth districts of the United States Lighthouse Service and engaged in laying submarine cables and mines along the South Atlantic coast. He is the inventor of a motor-driven automobile horn and a device for aiding the deaf to hear.

(The above paragraph was taken from the issue of the Electrical World of November 20th, and the accompanying photograph was used through the courtesy of that magazine.)

GLEE CLUB MAKES TOUR.

The Auburn Glee Club and Minstrels made a tour through eastern Alabama visiting Opelika, Dadeville, and LaFayette, and presented a program that pleased the patrons. With the beginning of the second term the training of the Glee Club proper, under the direction of P. R. Bidez will begin.

AGRICULTURAL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR SECOND TERM.

At the final meeting for the year of the Agricultural Club the officers for the ensuing term were elected. Mr. W. A. Burns was elected President; Mr. L. T. Wells, Vice-President; Mr. A. C. Duggar, Secretary; Mr. L. M. McRae, Treasurer; Mr. E. Nelson, Librarian; Mr. J. J. Williams, Critic; and Mr. R. M. House, Secretary of the Employment Bureau.

"TED" DILLARD CONTRIBUTES TO THE ELECTRICAL WORLD.

An authoritative technical article on the "Design and Operation of Horn-Gap Fuses" by E. A. Dillard, '12, appears in the issue of the Electrical World of December 11th. The article by Mr. Dillard who is assistant engineer for the Alabama Power Company, Birmingham, Ala., was well presented and illustrated with charts and photographs.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1916.

The football schedule for 1916 was given to the press some time ago. Because of the desire expressed by all teams played this year to be included on the 1916 schedule and Manager Bragg's wish to continue relations with

the colleges since they have been so pleasant, the schedule includes the same teams as those played last season only one change being made and that consisting simply of a transfer of the dates held by Mercer and Florida.

A number of prominent colleges were clamoring for a game with the Tigers; offers being received from University of Texas, Texas A. & M., Washington and Lee, University of North Carolina, University of South Carolina, and Wabash University along with many others.

The completed schedule follows:

October 14th—Mercer.

October 21st—Clemson.

October 28th—Mississippi A. & M.

November 4th—University of Georgia.

November 11th—University of Fla.

November 18th—Vanderbilt.

November 30th—Georgia Tech.

ALUMNI NEWS

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI.

We are publishing below an article from the Kansas Graduate Magazine which might well be written of some Auburn graduates. We are glad indeed that it only fits a few, but we can not deny that it is true of some men who have left the walls of Auburn with at least some knowledge gleaned at the expense of the State and through the strenuous efforts of under-paid professors.

HAVE YOU HEARD SUCH A STORY?

"Letters asking for money are all that I ever get from the University", complained an alumnus the other day. Rather bad, wasn't it? For four years the University had busied itself giving things to this young man. Why should it suddenly stop?

"The state had spent some eight hundred dollars on him. He—or his father—had paid perhaps fifty dollars in fees. Wasn't it natural that he should open a letter from the University expecting to find at least the interest on his fifty? If he had paid in eight hundred and received an education costing fifty, he would have felt differently. A letter asking him to support an organization that exists merely to help the University was indeed an absurdity. The letter should have contained—well, now, what should it have contained?

"All of which reminds the editor that this alumnus can, at least, make no complaint that his magazine is a 'begging sheet.' And yet, if it were not contrary to a settled policy, there would be some reference here to those neat brown postcards, all stamped and ready to be signed and mailed, that lie forgotten in the

desks or pockets of some 2,450 alumni, who are abundantly able and 'potentially willing' to sign and mail them."

BUT THERE ARE OTHERS.

We are publishing below some sentences extracted from letters of loyal alumni and alumnae who are always willing to give something toward re-imbursement their Alma Mater for the debt they owe. We are not publishing these letters merely to justify the publication of the ALUMNUS, for it is too well established for that, but we wish to present a few letters from prominent men and women who have always given the ALUMNUS a boost and who have answered every call for aid made to the alumni of this institution. We are glad indeed that such men constitute the large majority of the body of former students of Auburn.

From letter of Geo. L. Campbell, Jr., Columbia, Ala.

"I always enjoy reading the AUBURN ALUMNUS more than any paper I get. I consider it the only medium whereby the different Auburn men all over the world can keep in touch with each other and am always glad to do anything I can to make it a complete success."

From letter of L. G. Gresham, Lynchburg, Va.

"Please permit me to congratulate you on the splendid monthly that you are getting out, and I feel that the future has still greater things in store for us."

From letter of C. R. Hudson, Raleigh, N. C.

"This publication is given a welcomed reception by me at each issue. I am

very glad indeed to get news of the doings of the alumni over the country, and even in other countries. This is really a letter from home."

From letter of L. W. Duffee, Mobile, Ala.
"Thanks for your efforts; and continued success for the future. I am with you."

From letter of Miss Leland Cooper, Moundville, Ala.

"I enjoy reading the AUBURN ALUMNUS very much. It is like getting letters from so many acquaintances. Sorry Auburn lost again in football Thursday but she'll make it up next year all right."

From letter of S. A. Elsberry, Dallas, Texas.

"Your desire to increase the field of usefulness of a good publication is indeed commendable and I feel sure that you will receive a ready response, which will be the outside man's way of showing his appreciation for the loyalty of you men behind the publication."

From letter of E. C. Bunker, Balboa, C. Z.

"Every issue of the ALUMNUS is looked forward to with much pleasure, and it has been the source of great interest to me, way down in this part of the country where there is nothing to do but work, eat, and sleep."

From letter of T. M. Francis, Montgomery, Ala.

"With highest appreciation of and best wishes for the AUBURN ALUMNUS and its good work."

From letter of H. C. Hillhouse, Adamsville, Ala.

"One dollar for the best paper in the world."

AND THERE ARE SOME THAT HAVEN'T PAID UP.

Mr. R. W. Burton in mailing in a check to cover his subscription penned a few lines which he evidently intended to dedicate to the Business Manager of the ALUMNUS:

When I can't turn my head my creditors to see,

On account of a crick in my neck,
Any doctor knows that the remedy for me,

Is a letter from a debtor, with a check.

PERSONALS.

Mr. A. J. Harris, '94, is a member of the law firm of Callahan and Harris, of Decatur, Ala., who practice extensively in North Alabama courts.

Hon. James B. Ellis, '81, of Selma, Ala., is President of the Dallas Compress Co., and of the Ellis Investment and Insurance Company. He is one of the most

active of Auburn's alumni and was a member of the group of prominent alumni which was appointed to entertain the Governor while he was in Birmingham to attend the Auburn-Vanderbilt game.

Mr. Ralph Dudley, '05, is with the New York Edison Company, Irving place and 15th St.

Lawrence Adler, '09, is engaged in engineering work at Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone.

Mr. John T. Ashcraft, '80, is a member of the law firm Ashcraft and Bradshaw, who practice extensively in the Florence, Ala., district.

Prof. Geo. F. Freeman, '03, is connected with the Experiment Station of the University of Arizona, and is at present serving in the capacity of Director.

Miss Leland Cooper, '07, is teaching in the Agricultural school at Moundville, Ala.

Mr. S. A. Elsberry, '08, manages a large business in Dallas, Texas, dealing in Contractor's supplies and Building specialties.

Mr. S. M. (Red) Dillard, '13, is a power engineer with the General Fire Extinguisher Co., North Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. F. G. Mullen, Jr., '12, is doing engineering work for the Valuation Committee on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, Richmond, Va.

T. M. Francis, '12, is in the engineering department of the Southern Cotton Oil Co., with headquarters at Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Hugh Bickerstaff, '95, is with the Bickerstaff Brick Co., Columbus, Ga.

Mr. B. M. Rogers, '11, is with the Jeffrey Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. F. R. Bell, '05, is with the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Co., Flat Top, Ala.

Mr. M. W. Crenshaw, '14, is with the Westinghouse Co., Easton, Pa.

Mr. M. W. Turnley, '04, has resigned as sales manager of the Northern Electric Co., Limited, Montreal, to become Manager of the Canadian Carbon Company, Limited, Toronto, Canada. Mr. Turnley has been further honored by being appointed Jovian Statesman for the Province of Ontario, the Jovian Order being an international order composed of all electrical men.

Mr. F. Roy Duncan, '07, is an Architect and Electrical Engineer with offices in the Gilbert Bldg., Columbus, Ga.

Mr. A. E. Sanchez, '06, is in the coffee business in Masaya, Nicaragua.

Mr. E. C. Bunker, '06, is engaged in engineering work on the Panama Canal, with headquarters at Balboa. He recently mailed in an attractive picture of his two months old boy gaping with surprise at the score of the Auburn-Vanderbilt game.

Mr. A. M. Davis, '02, is President of the

Davis Lumber Co., Orange Heights, Fla.

Mr. Dexter Edge, '07, is with the American Sheet and Tin Plate Co., Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. F. C. Atkinson, '02, is Chief Chemist for the American Hominy Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. M. D. Kahn, '01, is manager of the Weil Bros., Cotton Agency, Mobile, Ala.

Mr. F. C. Dillard, '75, is a prominent member of the law firm, Head, Dillard Smith, Maxey and Head, who enjoy a very extensive practice in the Texas courts. Their office is in Sherman, Tex.

Mr. B. E. Evans, '14, has progressed finely in the agricultural extension work around Kissimmee, Fla.

Mr. J. A. Buchan, '05, is with the Omaha branch of the Underwood Typewriter Co., with offices at Grand Island, Neb.

Mr. Newton A. (Shag) Burgess, '07, is with the law firm, Kenyon and Kenyon who specialize in Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks. Their offices are at 61 Broadway.



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